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TOO MANY GENERALS AND ADMIRALS IN TOP CIVILIAN JOBS

Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, is in Washington for consultation. He is one of the very highest paid officials of our Government. His salary as Ambassador, combined with his retirement pay as a general of our Army, ranges between \$35,859 and \$39,859. In other words, in the executive and legislative branches of our Government his salary is exceeded only by the salaries we pay to the President of the United States and the Vice President of the United States.

I cite this fact to indicate the high salaries paid to retired officers of our Armed Forces, who have been appointed, for example, as ambassadors, or who serve in other high offices in the executive branch of our Government.

Another example is Gen. Herbert B. Powell, our Ambassador to New Zealand—and New Zealand is not a very critical area—who receives a combined yearly salary that ranges between \$35,000 and \$39,000.

Should the nomination of Gen. William F. McKee as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency be confirmed by the Senate and should the bill that is now on the calendar be enacted, to waive the requirement that only a civilian may hold this position, General McKee will be the highest salaried official in the executive and legislative branches of the Government, with the exception of the President of the United States and the Vice President of the United States. It is my hope that I shall have an opportunity to vote on a yea and nay vote against the confirmation of the nomination of General McKee.

I have previously voiced in this Chamber my view that Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor was a bad choice to be our Ambassador to South Vietnam. The situation there has gone from bad to worse. It appears to me that Averell Harriman, our Ambassador at Large, would be an ideal representative of our Government as Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to this troubled area of southeast Asia. Our Founding Fathers, who were the architects of the Constitution, wisely provided that in the United States civilian authority must always be supreme over military authority. It appears to me—and I say it regretfully, as a Senator who desires to support the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson—that this administration has become topheavy with officials who are former generals and admirals and who are recipients of high retirement pay in addition to their civilian pay.

Appendix B of the report and minority views of the Committee on Commerce on the appointment of General McKee sets forth the retired regular generals and admirals reported to the Civil Service Commission as employed as Federal civilians.

I ask unanimous consent that the table may be printed in the Record at this point in my remarks.

There being no objection, the table was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

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Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, it is unfortunate that the military should have such great influence and be in so many high positions in civilian agencies of the Federal Government. It is to be regretted. I hope I shall have an opportunity this week or next week, along with other Senators, to vote against the confirmation of the nomination of General McKee.